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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Foodgrains in Orissa during last three years, Grain-wise;

(b) the demand of foodgrains in Orissa;

(c) the present trend of foodgrain production in Orissa; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for increasing foodgrains production in Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Table below gives the Grain-wise production of foodgrains in Orissa during the last three years, i.e., during 2005-06 to 2007-08:

('000 Tonnes)

Crop	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Rice	6859.0	6824.7	7507.0
Wheat	4.5	5.8	11.0
Jowar	5.7	5.8	6.0
Bajra	1.6	1.4	2.0
Maize	101.9	102.8	147.0
Ragi	40.3	43.1	47.0
Small Millets	10.4	9.3	9.0
Tur	98.5	106.5	113.0
Gram	22.8	24.0	26.0
Other Kharif Pulses	114.5	123.7	136.0
Other Rabi Pulses	100.5	97.6	202.0
Pulses	336.3	351.8	477.0
Foodgrains	7359.7	7344.7	8206.0

4th Advance Estimates released on 09.07.2008

(b): On the basis of monthly per capita quantities of consumption reported in the National Sample Survey 61st Round Report on "Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05" and the population projections given by the Office of the Registrar General of India, the consumption requirement of foodgrains in Orissa during 2007-08 was estimated at 771 million tonnes (including seed, feed and wastage).

(c): The trend of foodgrains production in Orissa during 2005-06 to 2007-08 has been given in reply to part (a) of the Question. As per the 1st Advance Estimates released on 25th September 2008, the Kharif foodgrains production in Orissa during 2008-09 is estimated at 6.48 million tonnes.

(d): To increase the production of rice, wheat and coarse cereals in the country, including Orissa, the Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in rice, wheat and coarse cereals based cropping systems have been under implementation since October 2000. To increase the production of pulses, a centrally sponsored "Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is under implementation with effect from 01.04.2004 in 14 major pulses growing States in the country, including Orissa. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets and farmers' training for increasing production and productivity of pulses.

In order to further increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses, the Government has launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from Rabi 2007-08. The NFSM aims at increasing the production of rice by 10 million tonnes, wheat by 8 million tonnes and pulses by 2 million tonnes in the targeted districts of the country, including Orissa, by the end of the 11th Plan i.e. 2011-2012.